



The Messenger

June 29, 2017

Upcoming Events



Shine On...

All of the men and women who are playing softball for our church.

Volunteer for Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School will be the week of July 9th-13th. Here are ways you can participate!

1. Be a group leader during VBS week.
2. Help decorate for VBS. You can help decorate the week before during any of these times: Mon (7/3) from 5:00-7:00, Wed (7/5) from 5:00-7:00, Fri (7/7) from 10:00-3:00, and Sat (7/8) from 9:30 until we're finished.
3. Donate food for dinners. There will be sign-up sheets in the lobbies for things like cookies, chips, animal crackers, etc.

Volunteer sign-up forms are available in the lobby of the sanctuary and the Well.

Registration forms for kids are also available in the lobbies or online at www.funclb.org.



Just July

During the month of July, we invite you to dress more comfortable at the Main Campus. Throughout the month in worship, we will be singing more hymns and having special music.

Do You Have a Big Question of Life or Faith?

In August, our worship service at the Main campus will focus on the big questions of life and faith. We want to hear what your questions are. Please email any questions to Jon Kaufman or drop in the offering plate on Sunday.

Ice Cream Social



Please plan to join us this Sunday, July 2nd at 6:00 p.m. in the Christian Life Center (CLC) for our annual ice cream social. Bring a quart of homemade or store bought ice cream, toppings (whipped cream, nuts, syrup, sprinkles, cherries, to name a few), or some finger sandwiches to the CLC and join us for some fun and fellowship.

Job Opportunity as a United Methodist Campus Minister in Long Beach

The Wesley Foundation United Methodist Campus Ministry located on the University of Southern Mississippi-Gulf Coast Campus in Long Beach has a job opening for a Campus Minister/Director for the 2017-2018 school year which begins July 1, 2017 and ends June 30, 2018.

The Campus Minister/Director may be a member of a local United Methodist Church or a United Methodist pastor. An applicant must be knowledgeable about our United Methodist doctrine. He or she must also have attained a Bachelor's Degree. This is a part time paid position. For more information contact Janis Slade, janisslade@aol.com or (228) 209-5268.

Men and Women's Softball Schedule



Please come cheer us on to victory! The home games will be located the Goldin Sports Complex, 12136 Prudie Circle in Gulfport. Please find the times and fields listed below for the coming week:

Men Softball

7/6 Field 4 6:15 Away GCF Church of Nazarene

Women's Softball

7/6 Field 3 7:30 Away Michael Memorial

7/6 Field 3 8:45 Away F Baptist of Biloxi



Summer Mission Project

The school supply lists (for the Long Beach School District) are now available in the lobby of the sanctuary and the Well. We are collecting school supplies as our church wide summer mission project.

Online Giving

Just a reminder, you can go to our website at fumclb.org and click on the Online Giving tab to make giving quick and easy.

[Online Giving](#)

Weekly Updates and Events

Prayer Concerns...

PC & Dee Havens, Pat & James Holifield, Kayne Troutman, Debbie Knight, Wanda Miller, Chrissy Edwards, Shorty Haulk, Joseph Poupart, Jackie Branch, Jan Flynn, Sandra Gibson, Randal Guthrie, Diane Saul, Barbara Ballanco, Kathy Reynolds, Cory Miller, John Harrison Doucet, Lois Jones, Barbara Barlow, Alibe Hinton, Susan Molesworth, Jason LaFrance, Jeremy Smith, John French, Janis Slade, Rev. Love Loftis, Patrick Kirkland, Carl & Doris Flethrich, Rev. Ron & Connie Durham, Carol Hill, Caitlyn Johnson, Shayla Hosey, Darrell Clark, Pat Newcomb, Ricky Bullock, Bonnie Long, Jeri Allen, Mark Powell, Mary & Dick Kinsler, Hazel Holdenmon, Lil Jobe, Ann Armstrong, & Mary Kerg.

Last Weeks Givings and Attendance

Budget Offering for 6/25/2017 \$6,687.75

8:30 - 128

11:00 - 71
11:00 @ The Well - 224
Sunday School - 123

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, July 2nd

8:30 a.m. Sanctuary Morning Worship
9:45 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Sanctuary Morning Worship
11:00 a.m. Worship @ The Well - Fleming Auditorium USM
3:30 p.m. Puppets upstairs in Moore Hall
5:00 p.m. United Methodist Youth Fellowship (UMYF) in Heritage Hall
6:00 p.m. Ice Cream Social in the Christian Life Center (CLC)

Monday, July 3rd

5:00 p.m. Vacation Bible School (VBS) Setup

Tuesday, July 4th

Office Closed

Wednesday, July 5th

5:00 p.m. VBS Setup
5:30 p.m. Heart and Soul
7:00 p.m. Well Band Practice (HH)

Thursday, July 6th

6:00 p.m. VBS Volunteer Dinner in the CLC
7:00 p.m. Bible Study on Revelation in Youth Hall

Friday, July 7th

10:00 a.m. VBS Setup

Saturday, July 8th

9:30 a.m. VBS Setup

This Sunday 7/2/2017

Sanctuary

Rev. Jon Kaufman - Preacher

Series: Beginnings

"From Jacob to Israel"

Genesis 25:21-26; 32:22-31

The Well

Rev. Ben Barlow - Preacher

Series: Fruit of the Spirit

"Patience"

Galatians 5:16-26



"It's OK to let go, I'll catch you, honey." Last weekend at the Six Flags Park in New York, a 14 year old girl slipped from the harness of a ride that was stopped 25 feet off the ground. The girl dangled from the ride, holding on with her hands and began to slip. Meanwhile, a crowd gathered below her with the plan of catching her when she fell. From the crowd came the voice of one of the men gathered below her that said, "It's OK to let go, I'll catch you, honey." The video then shows her letting go and falling into the arms of the people below and she escaped serious injury.

As I watched that video and read the story this week, I began to think about what happened - that someone was in danger, trying to hold on but losing their strength and grip, all the while there were people who came together to help her. Then, there was the voice that called out to her that it was ok to let go - you will be caught. And then finally, in an act of trust, she let go and fell into their arms.

I thought of the fact that this sounds so much like God and us and that we often get weak and weary or we lose strength. We try to hold on so much to control. Life with God is one based on trust that God is wiser than we are - that God can see more clearly than we and that God, above all else, loves us with love that is deep and eternal.

God speaks to us when we are slipping, when we are falling, when we are weak, when we are vulnerable. He says to us, "It's ok to let go. I will catch you." Trusting God means that God is able to be our strength, our source of courage and even life. And He will be that for us, when we are willing to let go and trust God.

Yours in Christ,

Jon

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